

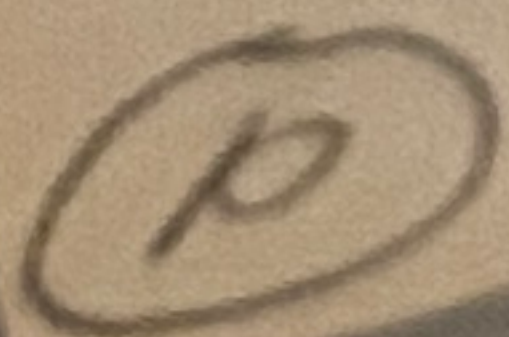
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"I hereby designate the St. Nicholas Church of Washington, D. C. the National War Memorial Shrine of the Russian Orthodox Church of America."

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John F. Kennedy

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"Your Grace,
Members of the St. Nicholas Parish,
Members and Friends of the Russian Orthodox Church of America --

"A shrine is a hallowed place and -- unique as it is -- this shrine seems to me to be thrice hallowed -- hallowed for three very closely related reasons.

"We are here to dedicate this National War Memorial as a shrine -- first, because it commemorates those Russian Orthodox Christians, men and women, who made the supreme sacrifice. These were persons of deep conviction. They earnestly believed in the value of the liberty they sought to preserve. Our military forces, made up from the melting pot of our citizenry, have always included men of varied cultures and background. Moreover, as we meet here today -- we also include on our roll of honor those dear to our hearts who -- in widely scattered places throughout the world -- fought and died in their native lands for the high ideals of civil and religious liberty.

"Secondly, this shrine is a hallowed place because it is a vital temple for the continuing and dynamic worship of God -- it is not a cold and static memorial to dead heroes. Rather, it is a place for the communion of the Saints -- a place where those of us who are still here in the church militant may worship with a special awareness of those who are in the vanguard -- now members of the church triumphant. What more worthy memorial could Christians establish for their Christian brothers? And here in this place of worship -- where God sustains and guides -- can be marshalled the spiritual strength to insure continuing victory. Thus are we assured that the sacrifice of our war heroes shall not have been made in vain.

"A hallowed place this is -- for a third reason -- because of the evident spirit at work among those members and friends of the Russian Orthodox Church of America who combined efforts to make this magnificent dream become a glorious reality. Especially moving has been the remarkable and inspired stewardship of time -- energy -- and money, evidenced by the members of the St. Nicholas church who, with faith like that of the first century Christians, thought no obstacle too great to overcome and no effort too great to make to accomplish the task at hand.

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